
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 30, 2022

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

PRESENTATION

Presentation by the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation on operations and the remaining capacity of the Central Landfill, including current status of recycling programs and other waste reduction efforts.

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2048](#)

BY Felag, Miller, DiMario, Lawson, Coyne, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC3957/1} (Exempts reusable bags from the state sales tax.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2050](#)

BY Miller, Valverde, Euer, DiMario, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS {LC3761/1} (Prohibits a covered establishment from preparing, selling, processing or providing food or beverages in or on a disposable food service container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2296](#)

BY Valverde, Miller, Euer, Kallman, DiMario, Anderson, Calkin, Seveney, Coyne, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING {LC3970/1} (Creates the producer responsibility program requiring producers to make necessary changes to product design(s) to reduce packaging consumption and waste and assess fees based on the packaging.)

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2300](#)

BY Valverde, Euer, Miller, DiMario, Calkin, Gallo, Sosnowski, Kallman, Lawson, Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT RECYCLING ACT OF 2022 {LC4646/1} (Creates a refundable ten cent (\$0.10) deposit for non-reusable beverage containers. A four cent (\$0.04) handling fee would be paid by distributors.)

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2302](#)

BY Miller, Sosnowski, Coyne, Euer, Archambault, Valverde, Kallman, DiMario ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES {LC4456/1} (Bans state purchases of plastic bottles, bags and polystyrene. It would also require state funds to be used to lease or purchase alternative fueled vehicles and renewable energy efficient technologies for use on state property.)

02/15/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2446](#)

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, DiMario, Kallman, Miller, Burke, Sosnowski, Lawson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT {LC5097/1} (Creates the "Plastic Waste Reduction Act" designed to reduce the use of plastic bags by retail establishments by offering recyclable bag options and providing penalties for violations.)

03/01/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2579](#)

BY Valverde, Kallman, DiMario, Miller, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL -- FOOD WASTE BAN {LC4841/1} (Amends § 23-18.9-17 to increase the miles of distance to thirty (30) a covered entity can be to an authorized composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility beginning January 1, 2023.)

03/10/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [2582](#)

BY Miller, Coyne, Kallman, Euer, Cano ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF PLASTICS RECYCLING {LC4810/1}

03/10/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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